

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3136–3144; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 205–206, and H. Res. 341, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1801, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws (H. Rept. 106–411 Pt. 1);

H.R. 3028, to amend certain trademark laws to prevent the misappropriation of marks, amended (H. Rept. 106–412);

H.R. 2885, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards, amended (H. Rept. 106–413); and

H. Res. 342, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1987) to allow the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs by certain employers and labor organizations who are prevailing parties in proceedings brought against them by the National Labor Relations Board or by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (H. Rept. 106–414).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Robert Dvorak of Middletown, Connecticut.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, October 22 by yeas and nays vote of 349 yeas to 41 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 533.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Exempting Certain Reports from Automatic Elimination and Sunset: H.R. 3111, amended, to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995;

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Permitting Non-Congressional Federal Employees to Enroll Their Children in the House Child Care Center: H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch;

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Authorizing Pay Adjustments for Administrative Law Judges: H.R. 915, amended, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges;

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Made in America Information Act: H.R. 754, amended, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 390 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 534). Agreed to amend the title;

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History of the House Awareness and Preservation Act: H.R. 2303, amended, to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 388 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 535); and

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Recognizing the Contributions of 4-H Clubs: H. Con. Res. 194, recognizing the contributions of 4-H Clubs and their members to voluntary community service (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 536).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

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Condolences on the Death of the Honorable John H. Chafee: The House agreed to H. Res. 341, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable John H. Chafee, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate on October 22 and today appear on pages H10727 and H10729.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10743–44, H10744, H10745, and H10745–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 341, adjourned at 9:58 as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable John H. Chafee of Rhode Island.

Committee Meetings

FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1987, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher, Clay and Andrews.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.J. Res.71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-75)

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-76)

H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-77)

H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-78)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on issues deal-

ing with the Puducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the status of United States military forces, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior offices' quarters, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; Frank H. McCarthy, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico), 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: Presidential Transition Act Amendment of 1999; and H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.